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MAN ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Guadalupe Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge of the Phoenix Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that a federal grand jury at Tucson, Arizona, returned a seven count indictment against **PAUL NORTHROP**, of El Paso, Texas.

The indictment alleges that Northrop stole historical documents from the Arizona Historical Society and the University of Arizona Library Special Collection, in Tucson, Arizona, and then transported the stolen documents to El Paso, Texas. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Northrop in El Paso today.

The indictment alleges that Northrop stole numerous documents, including John Behan railroad passes, letters from Gilbert Smith dated in 1862 and 1863, letters from Edward Tuttle dated between 1862 and 1867, communications from the Morton Collection dated between 1882 and 1886, invoices and various documents relating to John Behan, letters from Anna Ownby dated 1881 through 1884, oath of office of Forest McDaniel signed by Judge Roy Bean, Wells Fargo Robbery telegram dated 1887, court documents dated between 1884 and 1889, a letter from General Crook to Lieutenant Charles Gatewood dated January 22, 1885, and General Miles Field Order No. 89 dated September 6, 1886.

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The federal indictment charges Northrop with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 668, theft of an object of cultural heritage, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2314, interstate transportation of stolen goods. Each count of the indictment carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Mr. Rivera stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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